non-salaried tax-payers and 46 per cent of salaried tax-payers have shown their incomes below Rs. one lakh and that it constitutes 70 per cent of total tax-payers of 28.5 millions;

(b) if so, whether the recommendation of Vijay Kelkar Committee suggesting hiking personal income tax exemptions limit to Rs.1 lakh would thus result in only 30 per cent tax-payers remaining in India; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Vijay Kelkar Committee has not submitted any report yet. It has presented a consultation paper on 2nd November, 2002,which has been made public for wider discussion and comments. The Government is examining them and shall formulate views only after full examination of the final recommendations.

ATM in rural areas

2023. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of banks which have introduced Automated Teller Machine (ATM) facilities in the country;

(b) whether ATM facility has been provided in rural areas also; and

(c) if not, by when this facility will be provided in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ANANDRAO VITHOBA ADSUL): (a) As per the Biannual Report on "Progress of Computerisation in public sector banks" for the period ended 30th September, 2002 sent by the public sector banks, details of number of ATMs installed by the public sector banks is furnished in the Statement enclosed *(See* below).

(b) Statistics regarding number of ATMs installed by the banks is only collected by RBI. Location-wise data is not available.

(c) Opening of ATMs is a subject matter of individual banks, and it is for the bank to decide the place of opening of ATM depending on business viability.

Statement

Details of the member of ATMs installed

SI. No.	Names of the Banks	ATMs installed as on 30.9.2002
1.	State Bank of India	1138
2.	State Bank of Bikaner and Jaipur	26
3.	State Bank of Hyderabad	30
4.	State Bank of Indore	14
5.	State Bank of Mysore	3
6.	State Bank of Patiala	49
7.	State Bank of Saurashtra	5
8.	State Bank of Travancore	15
9.	Allahabad Bank	43
10.	Andhra Bank	83
11.	Bank of Baroda	34
12.	Bank of India	93
13.	Bank of Maharashtra	44
14.	Canara Bank	135
15.	Central Bank of India	25
16.	Corporation Bank	252
17.	Dena Bank	42
18.	Indian Bank	74
19.	Indian Overseas Bank	58
20.	Oriental Bank of Commerce	33
21.	Punjab National Bank	192
22.	Punjab and Sind Bank	6
23.	Syndicate Bank	31
24.	UCO Bank	14
25.	Union Bank of India	26
26.	United Bank of India	7
27.	Vijaya Bank	18
	TOTAL:	2490